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REMARKSClaim Status

There were 22 claims in the original application numbered 1-22. There are 4 independent claims and 18 dependent claims. Claims 1, 11, 19 and 21 are the independent claims and have been amended. Claims 2-10, 12-18, 20, and 22 are the dependent claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims argued herein are respectfully requested.

Section 103 Rejections

The Office Action rejected claims 1-2, 4-12, and 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication 2003/0033517 A1 to Rutherglen et al in view of U.S. Patent 6,377,974 B1 to Feigenbaum. The Office Action rejected claims 3 and 13 over these two references and further in view of "Java Applet Signing Guide" (Wilson). Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Discussion

Applicant has amended the independent claims to recite that the file transfer is through a push operation from the server through the firewall. This feature was not previously recited by any claim. One benefit of a push operation is that many firewalls permit data to be pushed out through them that cannot be requested using a pull operation.

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Applicant has carefully reviewed the applied art and sees no mention of a push operation in this context. For at least this reason, the independent claims and their dependent claims are believed to be allowable over the applied art. Such action is respectfully requested.

No Admission

Applicant's decision not to argue each of the dependent claims separately is not an admission that the subject matter of those claims is disclosed or suggested by the applied art.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over Smith. To discuss any matter pertaining to the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (650) 947-0700. Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a timely notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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